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Mobile Zinc Cathode Stripping System

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Mail Stop Issue Fee Commissioner for Patents

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1. In regard to the above-identified application, in addition to this 1 page transmittal letter, we are submitting the attached:

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1 page Fee(s) Transmittal (PTOL-85); \$1,630.00 check and Postcard.

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This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time of time for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by

4. Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,

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